

Report of the Superintendent.

I should like to place the few remarks I shall make to-day under two heads :

1. Remarks applying to the general work of emigration in this country.

2. Remarks connected with the interior management of the Home.

1. Remarks connected with general work of emigration.

When first I came proposing to help start a Home here, it was not because Winnipeg had any special claim on my interest over and above any other city of Canada. Winnipeg was to me simply a city needing a reception home for immigrant girls similar to the Home of the National Emigration Society of Montreal, and I fixed to spend my money here, rather than in Regina, Calgary, Vancouver or Victoria, because it seemed to me these places ought to be provided with Girls' Homes in their order along the railway line. During the last winter, however, a Home similar to ours has been established at Vancouver, so that the National Immigration Society can now boast of three homes, one at either extremity, and one in the centre of the Dominion.

The secretary of the Home at Vancouver, Mrs. McKinnon, has been actively corresponding with England, and we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the mild climate and reduced rates on the railway are now offering many inducements to girls to go west. Moreover the people of British Columbia are willing to employ lady helps, and those above all are the class of people who benefit themselves by coming out here. The trained domestic servant does not benefit herself in any way. The untrained rough girl does better herself, and if she be steady and honest one has no compunction in urging her to come. Such girls, however, exist in much greater numbers on the continent of Europe than in England and Scotland.